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## TOWN OFFICERS.

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|                  |   |                            |
|------------------|---|----------------------------|
| Frank L. Warren, | } | Selectmen,                 |
| James W. Libby,  |   | Assessors,                 |
| D. A. Fletcher.  |   | and Overseers of the Poor. |

Clerk and Treasurer,.....M. C. Osgood.

Superintendent of Schools,..... Roscoe G. Ricker.

Collector and Constable,..... Moses Alley.

|                 |   |                            |
|-----------------|---|----------------------------|
| Orlando Irish,  | } | Superintending School Com. |
| Wm. P. Hayford, |   |                            |
| F. L. Warren,   |   |                            |
| James H. Libby, |   |                            |
| R. G. Ricker.   |   |                            |



## REPORT OF SELECTMEN.

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The Selectmen would make the following report for the year ending Feb. 14, 1896.

Valuation April 1, 1895:—

|                                   |              |
|-----------------------------------|--------------|
| Resident real estate.....         | \$164,200 00 |
| Resident personal estate.....     | 43,879 00    |
| Non-resident real estate.....     | 33,059 00    |
| Non-resident personal estate..... | 500 00       |
| Total.....                        | \$241,638 00 |
| Town farm property.....           | 2,012 00     |

|                         |              |
|-------------------------|--------------|
| Amount assessed on..... | \$239,626 00 |
|-------------------------|--------------|

Appropriated and assessed:

|                                   |          |
|-----------------------------------|----------|
| State tax.....                    | \$668 65 |
| County tax.....                   | 287 09   |
| Common schools.....               | 551 20   |
| Free High school.....             | 100 00   |
| Support of poor.....              | 500 00   |
| Town charges.....                 | 500 00   |
| Repairs of roads and bridges..... | 300 00   |
| For building school house.....    | 500 00   |
| For building iron bridge.....     | 250 00   |
| Overlay on taxes.....             | 154 34   |
| Supplimentary tax.....            | 6 00     |
| Highway deficiency returned.....  | 111 49   |

|                                  |            |
|----------------------------------|------------|
| Total amount for collection..... | \$3,928 77 |
|----------------------------------|------------|

No. of polls, 214. Poll tax, \$3.00, Rate per cent. 13 $\frac{1}{4}$  mills.

Amount raised by town for highway tax to be expended in labor.....\$2,000

Poll tax, \$1.00. Rate per cent. 7 $\frac{1}{2}$  mills.

**REPAIRS OF ROADS AND BRIDGES.**

|                            |          |
|----------------------------|----------|
| Amount raised by town..... | \$300 00 |
| Unexpended in 1895.....    | 57 45    |
| Total .....                | 357 45   |

**Orders Drawn.**

|                                                    |        |
|----------------------------------------------------|--------|
| Sylvander DeCoster, labor in '94.....              | \$3 50 |
| Edgar C. Irish, bridge plank, '94.....             | 10 62  |
| Lewis A. Farrar, bridge plank in '95.....          | 4 26   |
| Woodsum & Merrill, labor in '95.....               | 19 00  |
| E. L. Andrews, labor in '95.....                   | 8 75   |
| A. B. Briggs, bridge plank in '95.....             | 13 45  |
| Axel W. Fogg, labor in '95.....                    | 12 00  |
| Arthur Soper, labor in '95.....                    | 12 88  |
| D. A. Fletcher, labor in '95.....                  | 3 75   |
| D. A. Fletcher, repairs on road machine.....       | 7 70   |
| Wm. F. Mitchell, labor in '95.....                 | 13 25  |
| C. H. Berry, labor in '95.....                     | 5 50   |
| A. S. Sampson, labor in '95.....                   | 2 75   |
| D. R. Stewart, labor in '95.....                   | 5 00   |
| L. A. Farrar, bridge plank in '95.....             | 7 16   |
| A. B. Briggs, bridge plank in '95.....             | 10 55  |
| J. W. Dunn, labor in '95.....                      | 3 30   |
| A. B. Benson, labor in '95.....                    | 7 88   |
| J. F. Philbrick, road damage in '94.....           | 15 00  |
| Albert Ames, labor in '95.....                     | 4 00   |
| George Q. Glover, labor in '95.....                | 3 00   |
| Chas. T. Hobbs, labor in '95.....                  | 1 25   |
| D. A. Fletcher, labor, bridge stringers in '94.... | 9 37   |

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Total labor in summer... ..\$183 89

**SNOW BILLS.****Orders Drawn.**

Sewall Staples, breaking roads in '94 and '95.. \$10 50

|                                                        |    |      |
|--------------------------------------------------------|----|------|
| E. W. Turner, breaking roads in '94 and '95.....       | 2  | 85   |
| Geo. Coutier, breaking roads in '94 and '95.....       | 2  | 50   |
| Henry Knapp, breaking roads in '94 and '95.....        | 7  | 37   |
| Elisha B. Howard, breaking roads in '94 and '95.....   | 18 | 50   |
| A. L. Soper, breaking roads in '94 and '95.....        | 17 | 00   |
| A. B. Benson, breaking roads in '94 and '95.....       | 2  | 00   |
| J. W. Dunn, breaking roads in '94 and '95.....         | 1  | 12   |
| D. R. Stewart, breaking roads in '94 and '95.....      | 1  | 30   |
| F. J. Bridgham, breaking roads in '94 and '95.....     | 2  | 42   |
| J. W. Libby, shoveling snow.....                       | 4  | 36   |
| Wm. E. Davis, breaking roads in '93 and '94.....       | 3  | 00   |
| Erastus W. Tinkham, breaking roads in '94 and '95..... | 5  | 2 62 |
| W. G. Knapp, shoveling snow in '94 and '95.....        | 4  | 00   |

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|                            |      |    |
|----------------------------|------|----|
| Total labor in winter..... | \$79 | 50 |
| Total orders drawn .....   | 263  | 43 |
| Balance unexpended.....    | \$94 | 02 |

The towns of Sumner and Hartford bought of King Bridge Co. an iron bridge that has been shipped to cost \$400.

### **TOWN FARM ACCOUNT.**

Names and ages of inmates:

|                         |                          |
|-------------------------|--------------------------|
| Daniel Foster, age 57.  | Sarah Stubbs, age 63.    |
| Walter Lucas, age 46.   | Hannah Leighton, age 73. |
| Mercy A. Ellis, age 58. |                          |

Schedule of stock, provisions, etc. on the farm  
Feb. 11, 1896.

|                  |                    |                    |
|------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| 1 horse,         | 2 oxen,            | 1 2-yr-old heifer. |
| 2 shoats,        | 7 cows,            | 41 hens,           |
| 18 tons hay,     | 20 bushels meal,   | 1½ tons straw,     |
| 5 bushels corn,  | 150 lbs. C.S. meal | 40 bushels oats,   |
| 5 bushels apples | 4½ bushels beans,  | 215 lbs. pork,     |
| 70 bu. potatoes, | 150 lbs. beef,     | 2 bushels beets,   |
| 1 bbl. pickles,  | ½ bushel parsnips, | ½ bushel onions,   |

|                           |                        |                   |
|---------------------------|------------------------|-------------------|
| 19 qts. canned gds,       | 8 qts. maple syrup,    | 100 lbs. cabbage, |
| $\frac{2}{3}$ bbl. flour, | 25 lbs. dried apple,   | 5 lbs. tallow,    |
| 27 lbs. sugar,            | $\frac{1}{2}$ lb. tea, | 10 lbs. butter,   |
| 1 lb. raisins,            | 5 lbs. butter salt,    | 1 lb. spices,     |
| 17 lbs. lard,             | 2 gallons oil,         | 5 bars soap,      |
| 3 qts. molasses,          | 4 doz. eggs.           |                   |

### Expenditures of Town Farm.

|                                 |         |
|---------------------------------|---------|
| Feed .....                      | \$68 29 |
| Butchering .....                | 1 25    |
| Pigs and shoat .....            | 14 50   |
| Hhd. ....                       | 1 00    |
| Crackers .....                  | 1 00    |
| Crockery and hardware .....     | 8 02    |
| Blacksmithing and repairs ..... | 12 16   |
| Clothes, cloth and thread ..... | 14 74   |
| Molasses .....                  | 5 45    |
| Tea and coffee .....            | 10 00   |
| Cheese .....                    | 2 14    |
| Boots, shoes and rubbers .....  | 7 85    |
| Meat and fish .....             | 31 03   |
| Sugar .....                     | 16 10   |
| Oil .....                       | 4 70    |
| Raisins .....                   | 95      |
| Soda, spices, etc. ....         | 3 04    |
| Lard .....                      | 5 50    |
| Salt .....                      | 1 97    |
| Soap .....                      | 1 98    |
| Broom .....                     | 1 00    |
| Flour .....                     | 40 00   |
| Miscellaneous articles .....    | 4 76    |
| Medical aid and medicine .....  | 4 45    |
| Services of bull .....          | 3 50    |
| Grass seed .....                | 11 18   |
| Heald & Lunt, feed .....        | 4 70    |
| F. L. Warren, 2 cows .....      | 75      |

|                                          |          |       |
|------------------------------------------|----------|-------|
| Wallace Russell, part of salary.....     | 100 00   |       |
| D. A. Corliss, labor.....                | 3 00     |       |
| O. Irish, groceries.....                 | 40 00    |       |
| Wm. Stanley, feed.....                   | 25 25    |       |
| Geo. Q. Glover, shingles.....            | 3 75     |       |
| R. G. Ricker, phosphate.....             | 10 00    |       |
| S. F. Stetson, phosphate for seeding.... | 13 50    |       |
| John V. Thurlow, balance cow trade....   | 5 00     |       |
| F. L. Warren, feed.....                  | 12 45    |       |
| Heald & Lunt, feed.....                  | 38 45    |       |
| T, B. W. Sterson, feed.....              | 18 92    |       |
| L. B. Bisbee, feed.....                  | 2 80     |       |
| Gilbert Childs & Co., groceries.....     | 27 70    |       |
| O. F. Taylor, groceries.....             | 6 81     |       |
| O. Irish, groceries.....                 | 6 62     |       |
| Iron pipe and fixtures.....              | 9 55     |       |
| Paid for heifer.....                     | 28 00    |       |
| Wallace Russell, balance of salary.....  | 47 06    | ————— |
| Total expenditures.....                  | \$680 87 |       |

#### Receipts of Town Farm.

|                                   |          |       |
|-----------------------------------|----------|-------|
| Cream checks.....                 | \$219 65 |       |
| Veal calves.....                  | 35 00    |       |
| Potatoes.....                     | 6 79     |       |
| Maple Syrup.....                  | 2 25     |       |
| Milk.....                         | 2 02     |       |
| Eggs.....                         | 5 76     |       |
| Pork.....                         | 58 64    |       |
| Oats.....                         | 3 42     |       |
| Poultry.....                      | 13 88    |       |
| Labor off farm.....               | 32 91    |       |
| Pasturing horse, E. C. Irish..... | 3 00     |       |
| Sweet corn checks.....            | 37 99    |       |
| Wood sold.....                    | 16 50    |       |
| 1 cow sold.....                   | 40 00    | ————— |
| Total receipts.....               | \$477 81 |       |



Balance against the farm.....203 06

There are 100 R. R. ties hewn, 3 cords of hemlock bark and 5 cords of white birch.

### Pauper Bills off the Town Farm.

|                                          |          |
|------------------------------------------|----------|
| H. A. Smith, medical attendance of J. E. |          |
| Starbird.....                            | \$16 25  |
| H. A. Smith, medical attendance of J. E. |          |
| Starbird.....                            | 50 75    |
| Nathan Reynolds, medicine for Mrs. J. E. |          |
| Starbird.....                            | 35 10    |
| Wm. Pease, medical attendance of Wm. G.  |          |
| Page .....                               | 36 00    |
|                                          | <hr/>    |
|                                          | \$138 10 |

Assistance rendered those having settlements in other towns.

|                                                                        |          |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------|
| Stillman Gurney, support of Annie G. Spencer and family.....           | \$103 50 |
| L. A. Farrar, supplies furnished for Annie G. Spencer and family.....  | 8 16     |
| Dr. Coolidge, medical attendance of Annie G. Spencer .....             | 5 00     |
| Reene Gurney, support of Annie G. Spencer and family.....              | 6 00     |
| O. Irish, support of Annie G. Spencer and family                       | 4 90     |
| F. L. Warren, support of Annie G. Spencer and family.....              | 1 60     |
| Due from Hermon for support of Annie G. Spencer for the year 1895..... | 62 37    |
| Orlando Irish, supplies furnished O. N. Haskell                        | 52 00    |
| D. A. Fletcher, supplies furnished O. N. Haskell                       | 20 85    |
|                                                                        | <hr/>    |
|                                                                        | \$204 38 |

|                                                                         |          |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------|
| Received from the town of Poland on account<br>of O. N. Haskell.....    | \$36 55  |
| Received from the town of Hermon on account<br>of Annle G. Spencer..... | 191 45   |
| Due from Poland for support of O. N. Haskell.....                       | 36 38    |
|                                                                         | <hr/>    |
|                                                                         | \$264 38 |

### SCHOOL ACCOUNT.

|                                                     |                  |
|-----------------------------------------------------|------------------|
| Amount raised by town.....                          | \$551 20         |
| School fund and mill tax.....                       | 467 18           |
| Amount received from Buckfield.....                 | 63 55            |
| Unexpended in 1894.....                             | 305 55           |
| Total .....                                         | <hr/> \$1,387 48 |
| Paid for teaching summer schools....                | \$384 50         |
| Paid for teaching winter schools.....               | 558 25           |
| Paid for wood.....                                  | 49 25            |
| Paid for cleaning school houses.....                | 13 50            |
| Paid for building fires.....                        | 18 50            |
| Paid for school supplies.....                       | 19 83            |
| Paid for schooling scholars in other<br>towns ..... | 22 00            |
| Paid for carrying scholars.....                     | 26 00            |
| Total .....                                         | <hr/> \$1,091 83 |
| Amount unexpended.....                              | <hr/> \$295 65   |

### Free High School.

|                            |                |
|----------------------------|----------------|
| Amount raised by town..... | \$100 00       |
| Unexpended in '94.....     | 55 40          |
| Received from State.....   | 100 00         |
| Total .....                | <hr/> \$255 40 |

|                                        |          |                   |
|----------------------------------------|----------|-------------------|
| Paid K. W. Spaulding for teaching ..   | \$100 00 |                   |
| Paid Miss Lida Merrill for teaching .. | 100 00   | <u>          </u> |
| Total .....                            | \$200 00 |                   |

|                                         |          |                   |
|-----------------------------------------|----------|-------------------|
| Amount unexpended .....                 | \$55 40  |                   |
| Amt. raised for building and repairs .. | \$500 00 |                   |
| Amount unexpended in '94 .....          | 50 84    | <u>          </u> |
| Total .....                             | \$550 84 |                   |

|                                                    |          |                   |
|----------------------------------------------------|----------|-------------------|
| Paid W. H. Allen for building Mountain House ..... | \$449 00 |                   |
| Paid Alonzo Fuller for house lot .....             | 10 00    |                   |
| Paid for stone work, grading, etc. ....            | 53 50    |                   |
| Paid Thomas Kane & Co. for seats .....             | 64 30    | <u>          </u> |
| Total .....                                        | 576 80   |                   |

|                                                           |        |                   |
|-----------------------------------------------------------|--------|-------------------|
| Paid for painting, pump, etc. at Tyler Corner house ..... | 15 05  |                   |
| Paid for repairs on Whiting house .....                   | 73 13  |                   |
| Paid for seats for Whiting house .....                    | 60 30  | <u>          </u> |
| Total .....                                               | 725 28 |                   |

|                                                      |        |                   |
|------------------------------------------------------|--------|-------------------|
| Due from Buckfield on repairs of Whiting house ..... | 53 37  | <u>          </u> |
|                                                      | 671 91 |                   |

|                                     |        |  |
|-------------------------------------|--------|--|
| Amount overdrawn .....              | 121 07 |  |
| Amount drawn for school books ..... | 26 90  |  |

#### Orders Drawn for Abatement of Taxes.

Wm. Hayford's bills for 1894.

|                                                     |        |
|-----------------------------------------------------|--------|
| Fred A. Robinson, bills of 1893, out of town ..     | \$3 00 |
| John C. Philbrook, bills of 1894, paid in Turner .. | 3 00   |
| Leon L. Newton, bills of 1894, paid in Dixfield ..  | 3 00   |
| Adelbert T. Glover, bills of 1894, illegal .....    | 3 00   |
| Andrew P. York, bills of 1894, paid in Canton ..    | 3 00   |
| James Irish, bills of 1894,                         |        |

|                                            |         |
|--------------------------------------------|---------|
| Highway deficiency paid to treasurer ..... | \$18 74 |
|                                            | <hr/>   |
|                                            | \$33 74 |

Moses Alley's bills of 1895.

|                                                    |       |
|----------------------------------------------------|-------|
| Chas. B. Reed, bills of 1895, out of State .....   | 3 00  |
| Frank A. Reed, bills of 1895, out of State .....   | 3 00  |
| Charles M. Newton, bills of 1895, dead .....       | 3 00  |
| Joseph F. Palmer, bills of 1895, paid in Sumner .. | 3 00  |
|                                                    | <hr/> |
|                                                    | 12 00 |

#### **ORDERS DRAWN ON ACCOUNT OF SHEEP KILLED BY DOGS,**

|                        |       |
|------------------------|-------|
| L. W. Thompson .....   | 28 75 |
| H. A. Thompson .....   | 11 00 |
| A. Jordan .....        | 5 25  |
| Emery L. Merrill ..... | 3 00  |
| Geo. A. Holmes .....   | 6 00  |
| Moses Alley .....      | 10 00 |
| Geo. R. Russell .....  | 5 00  |
| E. L. Andrews .....    | 7 50  |
|                        | <hr/> |
| Total .....            | 76 50 |

#### **ORDERS DRAWN FOR OTHER TOWN CHARGES**

|                                                                            |         |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------|
| F. L. Warren, services as selectman, etc. ....                             | \$57 75 |
| C. C. Fletcher, services as selectman, etc. ....                           | 54 00   |
| T. B. W. Stetson, services as selectman, etc. ....                         | 29 00   |
| M. C. Osgood, services as town clerk .....                                 | 13 20   |
| M. C. Osgood, services as treasurer .....                                  | 35 29   |
| H. F. Irish, services as superintendent of schools                         | 67 48   |
| J. C. Caldwell, services for returning births and<br>deaths .....          | 5 50    |
| John Thompson, services as trustee of ministerial<br>and school fund ..... | 75      |
| O. M. Richardson, printing town reports .....                              | 14 30   |
| M. C. Osgood, harness for hearse .....                                     | 20 00   |

|                                                                   |    |    |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------|----|----|
| M. C. Osgood, record book for licensing dogs.....                 | 1  | 25 |
| Alfred Cole, blank books.....                                     | 6  | 60 |
| A. L. Stanwood, recording births and deaths.....                  | 1  | 25 |
| Adelbert Kidder, decorating soldiers' graves.....                 | 4  | 46 |
| A. S. Hathaway, insurance on school house.....                    | 12 | 50 |
| M. C. Osgood, non-resident tax deeds.....                         | 16 | 56 |
| John Widbur, erecting voting booths, 1894.....                    | 1  | 00 |
| Frederick Danforth, services as civil engineer on<br>bridge ..... | 15 | 75 |
| Wm. P. Hayford, collecting taxes 1894.....                        | 27 | 00 |
| M. C. Osgood, care of hearse.....                                 | 14 | 00 |
| Moses Alley, collecting taxes 1895.....                           | 25 | 00 |
| Interest paid during the year .....                               | 95 | 67 |
| F. L. Warren, selectmen's cash expenses.....                      | 11 | 10 |

### TOWN OFFICER'S BILLS.

|                                         |      |    |
|-----------------------------------------|------|----|
| F. L. Warren, Selectmen, etc.....       | \$68 | 00 |
| J. W. Libby, Selectmen, etc.....        | 34   | 90 |
| D. A. Fletcher, Selectmen, etc.....     | 31   | 90 |
| M. C. Osgood, Clerk .....               | 8    | 25 |
| M. C. Osgood, Treasurer .....           | 39   | 21 |
| R. G. Ricker, Superintendent of schools | 61   | 00 |
| Due Moses Alley, Collector for 1895...  | 24   | 50 |
| Total.....                              | 267  | 76 |

### STANDING OF THE TOWN.

#### Liabilities.

|                                          |     |    |
|------------------------------------------|-----|----|
| Outstanding orders bearing interest...   | 200 | 00 |
| Interest due.....                        | 6   | 75 |
| School money due.....                    | 295 | 65 |
| Town officers' bills for 1895 amount due | 267 | 76 |
| Other outstanding orders .....           | 88  | 45 |
| Other outstanding bills, estimated.....  | 50  | 00 |
| Total liabilities.....                   | 902 | 94 |



**Resources.**

|                                                                         |       |    |          |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------|----|----------|
| Cash in treasury .....                                                  | 140   | 42 |          |
| Due from Moses Alley, Coll. for '95                                     | 1,008 | 84 |          |
| Due from town of Poland for support<br>of O. N. Haskell .....           | 36    | 38 |          |
| Due from town of Buckfield for repairs<br>on Whiting school house ..... | 53    | 37 |          |
| Non-resident tax deeds .....                                            | 16    | 56 |          |
| Due from Provost & Beauregard for<br>wood .. .....                      | 160   | 00 | —————    |
|                                                                         |       |    | 1,415 57 |
| Balance in favor of town .....                                          | 512   | 63 |          |
| All of which is respectfully submitted.                                 |       |    |          |

|                 |   |           |
|-----------------|---|-----------|
| F. L. WARREN,   | { | Selectmen |
| J. W. LIBBY,    |   | of        |
| D. A. FLETCHER, |   | Hartford. |

## TREASURER'S ACCOUNT.

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|                                                                                                                       |            |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------|
| M. C. Osgood in account with the town of Hartford, Feb. 14, 1896.                                                     |            |
| Feb. 21, 1895, due from Wm. P. Hayford, collector for 1894.....                                                       | \$2,124 35 |
| Feb. 21, 1895, cash in treasury.....                                                                                  | 182 19     |
| March 6, 1895, received highway deficiency from Isaac Bonney and Mrs. C. A. Tucker '94                                | 3 10       |
| May 11, 1895, received of F. L. Warren.....                                                                           | 200 00     |
| May 22, 1895, received for sale of Wood's school house .....                                                          | 7 00       |
| May 27, 1895, received highway tax for 1894 of O. H. Hersey and shoe and leather bank ....                            | 2 82       |
| Jan. 22, tax bills committed to Moses Alley, collector for 1895.....                                                  | 3,922 77   |
| Jan. 9, 1896, bills committed to Moses Alley, supplementary tax .....                                                 | 6 00       |
| July, 1895, received of G. W. Ricker, highway tax 1895.....                                                           | 3 00       |
| May 2, 1895, received certificate of credit from State on account of dog license refunded '95.....                    | 70 50      |
| July 13, 1895, received amount due from State on account of school fund and mill tax, due town of Hartford, 1895..... | 467 18     |
| July 13, 1895 received for dog license for 1895..                                                                     | 70 00      |

|                                                                                           |            |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------|
| Aug. 27, 1895, received of town of Hermon on<br>account of Annie G. Spencer and family    | 191 45     |
| Oct. 14, 1895, received of Jas. Irish on account<br>of Knapp tax deed.....                | 5 39       |
| Nov. 6, 1895, cream check from town farm.....                                             | 21 21      |
| Dec. 3, 1895, received for sweet corn.....                                                | 26 09      |
| Dec. 9, 1895, received of F. L. Allen for wood....                                        | 2 50       |
| Dec. 17, 1895, received from State on account<br>of Free High school.....                 | 100 00     |
| Dec. 21, 1895, received from cream check.....                                             | 24 36      |
| Dec. 21, 1895, received for wages of teacher<br>overdrawn and wood.....                   | 9 50       |
| Jan. 9, 1896, received for wood sold from town<br>farm.....                               | 45 00      |
| Jan. 9, 1896, received of town of Poland on ac-<br>count of O. N. Haskell.....            | 36 55      |
| Jan. 15, '96, received cream check.....                                                   | 19 20      |
| Jan. 18, '96, received of John T. Glover, interest<br>on ministerial and school fund..... | 14 14      |
| Feb. 8, '96, received cream check.....                                                    | 17 55      |
| Feb. 13, '96, for wood sold.....                                                          | 225 47     |
| Feb. 13, '96, received from F. L. Warren, high-<br>way deficiency.....                    | 27 15      |
| Feb. 13, '96, received from town farm pork.....                                           | 4 40       |
| Feb. 13, '96, received from town of Buckfield,<br>tuition.....                            | 63 55      |
|                                                                                           | <hr/>      |
|                                                                                           | \$7,892 42 |

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|                                                                             |          |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------|
| Aug. 19, 1895, paid State Treasurer amount<br>received for dog license..... | \$70 00  |
| Oct. 8, '95, paid County tax.....                                           | 287 09   |
| Jan. 4, '96, paid State tax for 1895.....                                   | 668 65   |
| Orders redeemed.....                                                        | 5,717 42 |

|                                               |            |
|-----------------------------------------------|------------|
| Feb. 14, '96, due from Moses Alley, collector |            |
| for 1895.....                                 | 1,008 84   |
| Cash in treasury.....                         | 140 42     |
|                                               | <hr/>      |
|                                               | \$7,892 42 |

Respectfully submitted.

M. C. Osgood, Treasurer of Hartford.

Approved Feb. 14, 1896.

|                 |                                |
|-----------------|--------------------------------|
| F. L. WARREN,   | } Selectmen<br>of<br>Hartford. |
| J. W. LIBBY,    |                                |
| D. A. FLETCHER, |                                |

## REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT.

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### **Line. School.**

Summer term, Miss Effie Newton, teacher. She got the good will of her scholars, nearly all of them small, and good work was done. Whole number 14, average 12. Wages of teacher \$4.50 per week.

Winter term, W. H. Ryerson, teacher. Mr. Ryerson fully maintained the reputation he gained as a teacher in this district two years ago. He had the respect of all and excellent progress was the result. Whole number 18, average 14. Wages of teacher \$30 per month.

### **Whiting School.**

Summer term, Miss Emma Alley, teacher. This was Miss Alley's ninth term. The order was good and the progress very satisfactory. Whole number 9, average 8. Wages of teacher \$4.50 per week.

Winter term, Miss Nettie L. DeCoster, teacher. Miss DeCoster is perfectly at home in the school-room and perfect order and good advancement are always the result in whatever school she is placed. Whole number 14, average 12. Wages of teacher \$6.50 per week.



**Mountain School.**

Miss Leora Mitchell taught both terms. Miss Mitchell has done good work in this school the past year. I was pleased with the enthusiasm manifested by the class in First Reader. Both teacher and pupils appeared to appreciate the pleasant quarters the new school-house afforded them for the winter term. The united efforts of parents, teacher and scholars in raising money for a flag for the school is praiseworthy. Whole number in summer 9, average 8. Winter 15, average 11. Wages of teacher, summer \$4.50; winter \$6.50 per week.

**Richardson School.**

Summer term, Miss Nettie L. DeCoster, teacher. This was Miss DeCoster's second term in this school. The interest and advancement were both good and the order excellent. Whole number 13, average 11. Wages of teacher \$4.50 per week.

Winter term, Fred R. Dyer, teacher. The order was good and the closing examinations showed good advancement. Whole number 17, average 14. Wages of teacher \$30.00 per month.

**Stetson School.**

Summer term, Miss Edith Parsons, teacher. This school was very small and Miss Parsons showed good tact in maintaining interest with so few scholars. The progress made was good. Whole number 5, average 4. Wages of teacher, \$4.50 per week.

Winter term, Miss Effie Newton, teacher. This was Miss Newton's fifth term. The examinations showed good progress, with a fair degree of thoroughness. Whole number 11, average 10. Wages of teacher \$6.50 per week.

**Hartford Centre School.**

Summer term, Miss Sadie G. Alley, teacher. Although this was Miss Alley's second experience as a teacher, she showed herself equal to the situation. Her methods are good and we considered it a profitable term. Whole number 18, average 16. Wages of teacher \$4.50 per week.

Winter term, Miss Edith Parsons, teacher. At the time of my first visit the order was good and the scholars appeared interested in their work. On account of ill health Miss Parsons was obliged to close her school at the end of the eighth week; so I was unable to make a second visit. The parents, however, report good advancement. Whole number 17, average 14. Wages of teacher, \$6.50 per week.

**Town Farm District.**

Summer term, Miss Mattie Bradeen, teacher. This was Miss Bradeen's second term. The order was good and the scholars made good advancement. Whole number 12, average 8. Wages of teacher \$4.00 per week.

Winter term, Miss Rosa Francis, teacher. This was Miss Francis' twentieth term. To such of the scholars as chose to attend the entire term it was a profitable term, as the closing examinations attested. Wages of teacher \$6.50 per week.

**Tyler Corner School.**

Summer term, Miss Mary Bryant, teacher. Miss Bryant is an excellent scholar and has had good success as a teacher in other towns. In this case, however, she failed to exercise sufficient governing influence and her school was not all we could have wished. Whole number 22, average 17. Wages of teacher \$5.50 per week,

Winter term, C. H. Ricker, teacher. The order was good and the closing examinations very satisfactory. Whole number 24, average 17. Wages of teacher \$35.00 per month.

#### **Glover School.**

It was the intention of the committee that this district should unite with the Tyler Corner school. But on account of the scholars being small the parents preferred to give the board and have the amount that would necessarily be paid for carrying the scholars expended for a school in their own district. Miss Fannie Sewall taught the summer term with very satisfactory results. Whole number 4, average 3. Wages of teacher \$2.50 per week. A winter term is now in progress under the care of our well known teacher, Miss Mary Crockett.

### **FREE HIGH SCHOOLS.**

#### **Tyler Corner School.**

K. W. Spaulding, teacher. This was one of the most profitable terms of the year. Mr. Spaulding not only succeeded in bringing order out of chaos, but the advancement was excellent. Whole number 34, average 27. Wages of teacher \$40.00 per month.

#### **Richardson School.**

Miss Lida A. Merrill, teacher. At my first visit enthusiasm of teacher and interest of scholars was noticeable. But at my second visit the department indicated that the scholars had in some way lost their interest. The progress, however, was very good. Whole number 28, average 23. Wages of teacher \$10 per week.

### **SCHOOL BOOKS.**

A large part of our books have been in use nearly five years, and many of them are unfit for use.

Although there was no money appropriated for the purpose, I have been obliged to purchase some books, the amount of which is reported elsewhere. Some of the summer schools were at a disadvantage on account of the worn condition of the small Readers. Seeing that something must be done before the winter terms, by advise of the committee I contracted with the Werner Publishing Co. for a partial exchange of Readers, on one year's time, i. e., the exchange to be completed the following year and the whole bill settled then. It will cost less to exchange than to buy outright and I would recommend that \$150.00 be raised for the purchase of books.

#### **SCHOOL HOUSES.**

A very cosy and comfortable house has been built at the Mountain, so located as to accommodate both that district and the scholars who have formerly been schooled in Turner at Willard's Mills.

The Whiting house has been repaired in a thorough manner. The Richardson and Stetson houses are in bad condition and should next receive the attention of the town. The committee would recommend that a new house be built somewhere in the neighborhood of the church for the accommodation of the Richardson, Stetson and Chickering districts.

#### **TEACHERS.**

I believe the teachers the past year have endeavored earnestly to make their terms profitable, and I feel that if the parents had a better knowledge of what the teachers are really endeavoring to do, and should acquaint themselves with the teachers' methods of school work by more frequent visits to the school rooms, they might be more willing to allow

their scholars to profit by the little corrections and criticisms of the teachers, which we believe are made only with the best of intentions. The patrons of the schools cannot realize the demoralizing effect it has upon a school to freely discuss the imperfections of the teacher in the home in the presence of their scholars, or they would be less free to practice it.

Respectfully submitted.

R. G. RICKER, Supt. of Schools.



## VITAL STATISTICS.

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### Marriage Certificates Recorded in 1895.

Feb. 3, 1895, Mr. and Mrs. Robert A. Barry.  
Feb. 26, 1895, " " Humbert C. Thomas.  
Jan. 9, 1895, " " Clarence S. Mitchell.  
Aug. 3 1895, " " John C. Marston.  
Aug. 17, 1895, " " Herbert M. Sampson.  
Nov. 24, 1895, " " Edwin D. Waterhouse.  
Nov. 28, 1895, " " Carroll W. Thompson.  
Dec. 18, 1895, " " Elmer H. York.

### BIRTHS IN 1895.

May 14, 1895, Mr. and Mrs. Abram G. Marston, a son.  
May 14, '95, " " Frank Palmer, a daughter.  
May 13, '95, Annie G. Spencer, twin sons.  
May 20, '95, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. H. Spaulding, a daughter.  
Aug. 14, '95, " " Burton A. Hutchinson, a son.  
Aug. 30, '95, " " John V. Thurlow, a daughter.  
Aug. 30, '95, " " F. L. Warren, a son.  
Nov. 29, '95, " " Sewall Staples, a son.

### DEATHS IN 1895.

Jan. 17, 1895, Abbie H. DeCoster, aged 58 years.

- June 1, '95, Lydia Clark, aged 77 years and 22 days.  
June 6, '95, Sylvander DeCoster, aged 59 years, 3 mos.  
and 23 days.  
July 16, '95, Lewis B. Reed, aged 73 years, 5 months  
and 3 days.  
Sept. 16, '95, Ada M. Thurlow, aged 32 years, 2 mos.  
Oct. 21, '95, Mary F. Foye, 69 years, 6 months and 23  
days.  
Oct. 23, '95, Chas. M. Newton, 49 years, 11 mos.  
and 12 days.  
Feb. 1, '96, Mary Cary, aged 76 years, 5 mos. and 20  
days.  
Feb. 9, '96, Elizabeth Benson, aged 56 years.

## WARRANT FOR ANNUAL MEETING.

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To Moses Alley, Constable of the town of Hartford, in the County of Oxford; Greeting:

In the name of the State of Maine you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the said town of Hartford, qualified by law to vote in town affairs, to assemble at the town hall in said town, on Monday, the second day of March, A. D. 1896, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon, to act on the following articles, to wit:—

ART. 1.—To choose a moderator to preside at said meeting.

ART. 2.—To see if the town will vote to accept the report of the Selectmen, Assessors, Overseers of Poor and Superintending School Committee.

ART. 3.—To choose all necessary town officers for the year ensuing.

ART. 4.—To see what action the town will take in relation to appointing two more trustees for ministerial and school fund.

ART. 5.—To see if the town will grant and raise such sums of money as may be necessary for the maintenance and support of schools and the poor, repair of roads and bridges, and to defray all other town charges for the ensuing year.

ART. 6.—To see what sum of money the town

will vote to raise, if any, for erecting and repairing of school houses for the ensuing year.

ART. 7.—To see what per cent. of the highway tax of 1896, if any, the town will vote to be paid into the treasurer, instead of working it on the highway. The sum to be paid on or before the first day of July, A. D. 1896.

ART. 8.—To see if the town will vote to have one or more Free High schools the ensuing year.

ART. 9.—To see what action the town will take in relation to repairing or re-building the barn on the town farm.

ART. 10.—To see what sum of money, if any, the town will appropriate for the purchase of school books.

The selectmen give notice that they will be in session for the purpose of revising and correcting the list of voters at the town hall, at 9 o'clock in the forenoon, on the day of said meeting.

Given under our hands at Hartford this 15th day of February, A. D. 1896.

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| F. L. WARREN,   | } Selectmen<br>of<br>Hartford. |
| J. W. LIBBY,    |                                |
| D. A. FLETCHER, |                                |





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